

The City of Marion, South Carolina

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Honoring All Veterans on Veterans Day

We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

REMEMBERING OUR VETERAN'S

Standing in front of mist and dirt they did not tremble. Longing for their **families** did not make them fall for our **country** they stood so that we may have comfort in our sleep. Remember in your **heart** and in those **tears** shed that these **heroes** fought to keep our lives **lit** ahead.

Please join the City of Marion as we honor our Veterans on Thursday, November 9th, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle (located on S. Main Street at West Liberty Street). If we experience inclement weather, program will be held at the Marion Fire Department located on 107 E. Bond Street, Marion SC.

We invite all citizens to come out and show their appreciation to our Veterans for their loyal and faithful service, and their many sacrifices to protect our freedom.

Visit Historic Marion, SC

Historic Marion Christmas Tour of Homes will feature Bazaar & Luncheon.

Saturday, December 8, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Ticket for Home Tour -\$20
Luncheon - \$10 (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.)
Bazaar - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For information call 843-423-3561.

City of Marion Annual Holiday Prelude & Community Tree Lighting Celebration

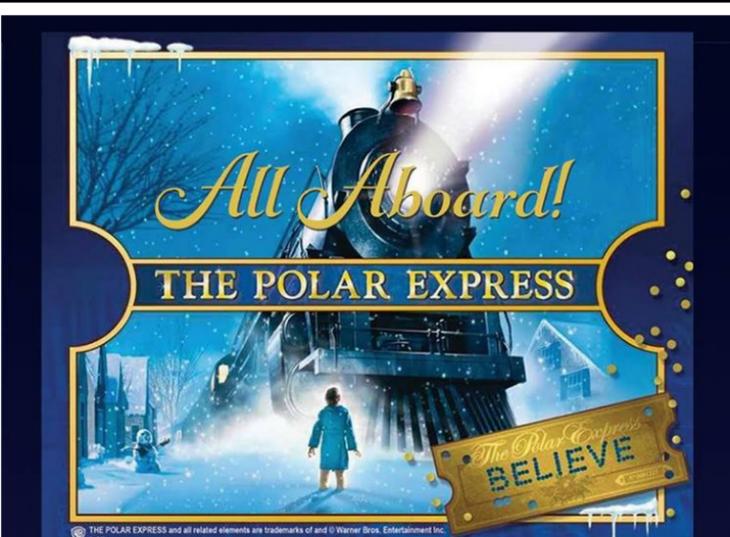
Saturday, December 1st
HMRA Prelude to Christmas 9am-1pm
Marion Christmas Parade 4:30pm
Sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce

Sunday, December 2nd
Annual City Tree Lighting Celebration 6pm
Marion County Courthouse
Fireworks at Withlacoochee Park 7pm

Saturday, December 8th
Pilot Club of Marion Bazaar 10am
Marion County Museum Luncheon 12-2pm
Historic Marion Christmas Tour of Homes 2-6pm
Sponsored by Marion Chamber of Commerce & the Pilot Club of Marion

Thursday, December 13th:
Downtown Marion Merchants' Extended Shopping Hours
6-8pm Downtown Marion

*call the Chamber office for information/details 843-423-3561



Pajama Party & Movie Event **December 9th**

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Train rides on the Polar Express, cookie decorating, face painting letters to Santa, visits with Santa, filling bags of reindeer food & more!

5:30pm - Movie Begins

Food, hot chocolate & popcorn available!

Shannon Wilkerson Gym • 719 N. Main St, Marion
Admission: \$5.00 (Ages 2 & Under Free)

*Bring blanket or chair for your comfort, while viewing The Polar Express

Christmas Food Baskets



For the ninth year, Mayor Ashley Brady and City Council members will be seeking donations for its Christmas "Food for Friends" program.

The program has been wildly successful, thanks to the generous gifts of the city's residents and businesses. During last year's program, the people of Marion donated to help families enjoy all the trimmings and fixings for a Christmas meal. Each pre-packed box costs \$40. Donations are welcome in any amount and will be put with other donations to help make purchases.

City firefighters and police officers will distribute the boxes throughout the city during the middle of December. Donations can be made at City Hall on Main Street or to the Fire Department on Bond Street. For more information, call the Administrator at 423-5961.

Thank you for all your support!

The Polar Express is sponsored by Anderson Brothers Bank, The City of Marion and Hometown Promotions & Event Planning.

Who Should I call for city information?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Ashley Brady, (843) 992-3773
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Gwendolyn Davis, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Gray, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Cliff Wilbanks, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Randy Brown, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961
- Winky Fore, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648
- Tony Flowers, Police Chief (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Lt. Marilyn Rogers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Sgt. Derrick Smith, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Jackie Yates, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Victim Advocate / Administrative Assistant, (843) 423-8616

Fire Prevention Week

This year Slogan was "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere."

On October 9, 2018, the City of Marion Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week. The crew kicked things off with a special presentation at the fire station, inviting and transporting more than 200 children from local daycares. Assistant Chief Jackie Yates spoke to the children about the importance of fire prevention. The children were treated to snacks and enjoyed a fun and educating puppet show. Firefighters also traveled to several schools to help educate the youth.

Assistant Chief Jackie Yates said the education through characterization program is part of the National Fire Prevention Week activities. Established by the Nation Fire Protection Association the first full week in October, Fire Prevention Week is held across the nation. "It gives local fire departments the opportunity to bring kids into the station or go out to the local schools and teach the kids about fire safety," he said. "Not only do we target kids, we're trying to teach adults as well."

"Because they see adults using fire all the time, children don't know that they can't do that or control it," Yates said. "This is a good opportunity to reach them because kids will listen to puppets sing those songs because kids learn through songs. These traditions are very effective."

Yates said the department has showcased the puppet show for more than a decade. "It's called the City of Marion puppet show and our slogan is saving lives through education," Yates said. "I have kids that come up to me in high school now that remember me with the puppets and we know if they remember I came to the school with the puppets, then they remember the message."

This year because of the storm and kids just getting back to school they only visited Marion Intermediate. In the past they usually also visited Easterling Elementary and Springville Head Start in Marion.

Safety Checkpoints

The City of Marion Police Department will be conducting DUI Sobriety and Traffic Safety checkpoints within the city limits of Marion throughout the month of November and December.

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Jerry and Barbara Lawing of 402 Devon Road has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for October 2018. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. & Mrs. Lawing will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

A-TEAM MARION, SC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"We Are Our Neighbors' Keepers"

By: Dolly Boyer

When I wrote last month's article, Hurricane Florence was on our radar. We prepared for that storm as best we could. Hurricane Michael wasn't even formed yet. What we could not possibly prepare for was the terrible event that befell our neighbors in Florence. The tragedy that Florence has endured could have just as easily taken place in any South Carolina town. It goes to show, no one knows what may happen during the course of a work day. While this strike was not at our Sheriff or Police Departments, both of those departments felt the pain. One thing we are all aware of, is the brotherhood that exists between first responders. During this tragedy that brotherhood was on full display. You could see the pain in our officers' faces as well as our citizens. Many people were and probably still are in a state of shock. A-Team has never had a theme for National Night out until this year. 2018's theme was "The Thin Blue Line." I am so glad that A-Team knows our law enforcement officers and shows their appreciation all through the year. We have spent the last six years or so forming a partnership with our officers. That partnership has been good for our neighborhood and our police as well as our community as a whole. Please, take a moment to say a prayer for Florence and the officers still hospitalized. Take a moment to thank our own officers and always keep them in your prayers. Come out and join A-Team for our next meeting on November 5th at 6:30 PM @ the Firehouse on East Bond Street. For more information call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.

FYI: Protect Your Property

It is important as vehicle owners that you do your part to reduce the chances of being a crime victim. This could mean the difference between the suspect breaking into your car or moving on. Lock your car doors and keep the windows up. There is no way to prevent all crime, but this could help reduce it.

Veterans Day Celebration

Saturday , November 10, 2018. Parade 11:00 A.M. Downtown Marion. Program following parade at Marion High School. Guest Speaker Colonel Tracy Leonard Simmons, Legislative Liaison 99th Readiness Division Fort Dix NJ. Contact Marion County Veterans Affairs Office 843.423.8255 for information.

Historic Marion is a great place to visit, shop, dine and live! Visit the City of Marion online at www.marionsc.gov and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.



Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Randy Floyd (843) 992-1627 or email floydrandy@hotmail.com for information.

Wednesday, November 7th.... 8:30 a.m. TBA

Friday, November 9th..... 3:00 p.m. Recognize our Veterans, at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle (located on South Main Street and West Liberty Street). Inclement weather program will be held at the Marion Fire Department, located 107 E. Bond St. Marion SC.

Saturday, November 10th..... 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Parade and Celebration, Downtown Marion. Program will follow at Marion High School featuring guest speaker Colonel Tracy Leonard Simmons, Legislative Liaison 99th Readiness Division Fort Dix NJ. For more information call (843) 423-8255.

Monday, November 12th...City and County Offices Closed, Veterans Day Observance.

Tuesday, November 13th..... 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Wednesday, November 21st..... 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Music Festival. Main Street Commons, Marion SC. \$5 admission.

Thursday & Friday, November 22th & 23rd Thanksgiving. City and County offices will be closed.

Tuesday, November 27th..... 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. #GivingTuesday Pee Dee. The Waters Building Downtown Florence 135 S. Dargan St. Contact HMRA for more information 843 423-9918.

Get ready to PARADE!

The Marion Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce plans for the upcoming Marion Christmas Parade. We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 1st at 4:30 p.m. in downtown Marion.

The Chamber will play host to this event and we are looking forward to helping provide the parade for our community. However, we need help to make this event a success. We are seeking participation from the community.

We invite civic groups, churches, and schools to be a part of the parade. We also welcome business logo trucks and cars as entries. There is an entry fee of \$10 per unit. Exceptions are Commercial float renters, elected officials, Chamber members, School bands, queens, and marching units, Fire Departments, Municipal rescue units, or invited guests of the Parade Sponsor.

The entry fee must accompany the application and an application must be on file for each unit in the parade by Tuesday, November 27th at Noon. Each unit MUST have identification of the group, business or organization they represent on their unit.

We look forward to working with the community on this fun filled event.

For an application form and more information call 843-423-3561.

Helping Hands Free Clinic

Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic (HHFMC) has received the Choose Well Grant from the New Morning Foundation for 2018. The goal of Choose Well is to provide contraceptive methods to patients regardless of their ability to pay for them. Through this grant, HHFMC is offering contraceptive implants (Nexplanons) and intrauterine devices (IUD's) at no charge to patients. HHFMC had a successful Women's Health Open House at our Mullins site on August 27, 2018.

There are two nurse practitioners at HHFMC, Ms. Schinitra Swinney and Dr. Tracy George. Dr. George has a special interest in women's health and inserting contraceptive devices.

Helping Hands provides services to patients without insurance in Marion County and its surrounding communities. If you want to learn more about Helping Hands or to make an appointment, you may call (843) 464-8750 for the Mullins clinic or (843) 423-5212 for the Marion Clinic. Thank you and have a wonderful day!



Sergeant Derrick Smith Selects as Employee of the Month

Sergeant Derrick Smith was selected as the September 2018 Employee of the Month. Sgt. Smith has been employed with the City of Marion Police Department since July 2009. He graduated from SC Criminal Justice Academy in October 2009, and currently serves the department as an Investigator.

Smith is well respected by his peers and in the community. "Sgt. Smith is a dedicated and efficient officer, and a shining example for our other officers to follow," said Marion Police Chief Tony Flowers.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Sgt. Smith for his service and dedication to the City of Marion at the October 9th Council Meeting.

BEWARE of FRAUD When Seeking DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams and home inspectors are often sent to rural areas to help disaster survivors, but not all individuals offering assistance are who they say they are.

BEFORE YOU ENGAGE, FOLLOW THESE TIPS: Don't take a financial hit from scams during your recovery process!

- ◆ FEMA representatives and inspectors from other agencies will always have identification.
- ◆ Do NOT give cash. Government workers never ask for a fee or payment.
- ◆ Do NOT give personally identifiable information over the phone.

If you believe you are the victim of fraud, contact the Disaster Fraud Hotline to report scams of fraud in your area.

disaster@leo.gov, National Center for Disaster Fraud, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909 and (866) 720-5721.

Hurricane Florence Information

Palmetto Disaster Recovery office (DRC), FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) is now doing intake at Disaster Recovery Office, (DRC) located at Marion County Industrial Park in the Road Rescue Building, 2914 Spartan Place, Marion, SC. Hours are Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information please see below information:

Courtney S. Smith
Public Affairs Specialist
Office of Disaster Assistance - FOCE
U.S. Small Business Administration
Cell: (404) 895-9503
courtney.smith@sba.gov

Small Business Administration (SBA) and Marion County Long Term Recovery (MCLTR) is now doing intake at Disaster Recovery Office, (DRC) located at Marion County Administration Building, 2523 E. Highway 76, Room 118, Marion, SC. Hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for Small Business Administration. Marion County Long Term Recovery are from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

Lend a Helping Hand



Citizens of the City of Marion: Let's all work together to keep our city clean. If you see any debris around or near the catch basins near your house, please

help the city out by cleaning it.

You can also lend a helping hand by adopting a catch basin in your area, and checking it on a regular basis. Additional ways you can help this effort is by clearing any surrounding curbs, streets and sidewalks areas of litter, leaves, and grass which could eventually end up in the catch basins.

Let's all work together to keep Historic Marion the great place to visit, shop and live. To report issues involving storm drains, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961.



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HMRA Presents

MUSIC FEASTIVAL

THE N TRANZE BAND

\$5 admission
Food vendors
Beverage garden

Portion of proceeds go to Facade Grant

November 21, 2018
Main Street Commons
7 pm - 10 pm

For details please contact Stephanie Indergaard, Executive Director, Historic Marion Revitalization Association, 103 East Dozier Street, Marion SC 843.423.9918.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/HMRASC

Website: www.theswampfox.org

Email: hmra@theswampfox.org

Twitter: twitter.com/HMRAsc

Save the date November 21, 2018. We will love to see you there for dancing, foods, drinks, fellowship and fun. See you there!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Jordan Scrap Metal, Company Inc.

Written by Promotions Team of Historic Marion Revitalization Association



Jordan Scrap Metal, Company Inc. was incorporated in 1948; however, the business was established in the 1930's. President of the company is Jimmy Jordan, with Jamon Jordan serving as vice president. Jordan Scrap Metal is one of the oldest businesses in Marion with over 70 years on the books and has continued to grow over 4 generations. They recycle scrap metal, as well as buy recyclable metals.

The family enjoys doing business in the town they've grown up in.

The family business was officially started as Jordan Scarp Metal, Inc. in 1948 when James Jordan purchased the land on Manning Street. They built a small one room wooden building with a set of heavy scales on one side of it. This land was purchased with money my father saved during his service during WWII. While stationed in Europe, he sent most of his paycheck home every month to his mother to deposit in a saving account. By the time the war ended and the returned home, he had enough in savings to purchase the land and building and office on Manning Street, Norford Jordan, Sr. had operated a scrap metal and hides, and fur business out of his backyard on Pine Street in Marion. People brought him scrap metal, cow hides, and small animal furs for him to purchase, and then ho would take them to manufacturers and different businesses to sell. He also went around in his vehicle at the time to search for and purchase items from individuals and businesses to sell. Before the war, James often accompanied and assisted him with this.

Sometime in the 1950's as the business grew, a warehouse and connected office were built next door to the original wooden office as they expanded and added more land. The businesses were officially known as Jordan Scrap Metal Co. and Jordan Hide and Fur. The formed the two separate divisions of Jordan Scarp Metal, Inc. The two businesses continued to expand. At the time there were railroad tracks running through Marion and the majority of the scrap metal was shipped by rail. In 1964, the business was moved to its current location at 123 Metal Road because there was still access to the trains at that time and more land was needed. Since this move, the business has continued to grow and change. There is no longer a Hide and fur Division, trucks are now use instead of trains and the scrap metal business has continued to evolve. Three years ago, Jordan Scrap Metal, Inc. expanded into the roll-off trash business along with business partner, Charlie Richburg. This company is called Jordan Waste. One thing is that has remained constant throughout the years for the entire Jordan family us that regardless of location, business focus, or current owner, there has always been a strong feeling of the need to give back and community service. Jordan Scarp Metal Company, Inc. is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

